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BOOK NOTICES.

Handbook of the Law of Private Corporations. By Wm. L. Clark, Jr. Law sheep. 652 pp. text. The West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. 1897.

It is manifestly impossible to confine within the limits of a single volume the ever-increasing mass of legal lore in respect to private corporations. Mr. Clark has wisely not attempted this. His treatise is really a digest and needs to be supplemented by some more exhaustive work to be truly efficient. The strong points of his work are its logical arrangement, the completeness with which it deals with many as yet unsettled points, and the fact that it represents the law as it is, not as it has been.

A Practical Treatise on the Law of Receivers. By Charles Fisk Beach, Jr., of the New York Bar. Second edition by Wm. A. Alderson, of the St. Louis Bar. Law sheep. 885 pp. text. Baker, Voorhis and Company, New York. 1897.

The first edition of this work ten years ago took its place at once as an authority upon this peculiarly American subject. The book has been entirely rewritten by Mr. Alderson, who has enlarged it and added the leading cases decided in the meantime. We predict for it increased success.

Digest of Insurance Cases. Vol. IX. By John A. Finch, of the Indianapolis Bar. Half law sheep. 332 pp. text. The Bowen-Merrill Company, Indianapolis and Kansas City. 1897.

The ninth volume of the *Insurance Digest* is larger and more complete than former volumes. It contains all the cases decided in the Federal and State Courts up to October 31, 1896, and references to the leading articles in many law journals. It is carefully indexed and well arranged.